



## **Kentucky Department of Corrections**

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### **Department of Corrections Declares Reentry Week April 23 - 27**

**FRANKFORT, Ky.** (April 26, 2018) – The Kentucky Department of Corrections (DOC) has declared April 23 – 27 as Reentry Week. This coincides with the month of April being recognized as Second Chance Month on the national level.

Second Chance Month is designated by the President as a month to bring together communities and organizations throughout the nation to raise awareness of barriers that ex-offenders face upon reentering society. The goal is to show that those who have paid their debt to society deserve a second chance at becoming successful law-abiding citizens. The communities benefit in joining in the effort because it allows the offender the ability to become a productive tax-paying member where they live.

"Everyone in society has a time in their life they need help," Division of Reentry Services Director Kristin Harrod said. "The Department of Corrections staff is fortunate to be in the position to give help to someone in need and make a difference in an individual's life. I hope each and every staff member in DOC sees that no matter their position in the department, they are making a difference."

At least 95 percent of inmates will be released from incarceration at some point. Currently in Kentucky there are over 24,000 individuals incarcerated with the DOC, as well as an additional 47,000 on active supervision with the Division of Probation and Parole.

**Editor's note: photos attached**

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